

**OPINION SUMMARY**  
**MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT**

STATE OF MISSOURI,	)	ED96138
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Plaintiff/Respondent,	)	Appeal from the Circuit Court
	)	of St. Louis County
v.	)	
	)	
PAUL C. GARTH,	)	Honorable Tom W. DePriest
	)	
Defendant/Appellant.	)	Filed: November 15, 2011

Paul C. Garth (Appellant) appeals from the trial court's judgment entered upon a jury verdict finding Appellant guilty of first-degree domestic assault.

AFFIRMED.

Division Three Holds: The trial court did not commit plain error in allowing Appellant to represent himself at trial because it made sure Appellant understood the dangers and disadvantages of self-representation and established that Appellant acted knowingly and intelligently in waiving his right to counsel. The trial court did not commit plain error in allowing into evidence Appellant's victim's eye blink communications to her brother and the doctor's testimony who treated Appellant.

Opinion by: Sherri B. Sullivan, J. Robert G. Dowd, Jr., P.J. and Mary K. Hoff, J., concur.

Attorney for Appellant:	Kent Denzel
Attorney for Respondent:	Timothy A. Blackwell

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